

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 5, as follows:

Instead of trying to communicate with every single device in the network, which commonly may be a very large number of devices, a network is established with a smaller group of devices within the network. Each device includes a contact list. A contact list ~~is may be~~ a list of individuals with whom the device has communicated in the past. Contact lists are commonly stored on computers. For example, on Microsoft Explorer[®], contact lists may be maintained. Similarly, lists of addressees may be maintained with a variety of software including scheduling and information management software. Thus, each device X, Y, Z or A in this example, may have its own contact list.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10, as follows:

In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention, a MANET ~~is may be~~ established within a smaller defined group, which is therefore much more manageable. The smaller defined group may be established by exchanging contact lists and establishing communication links from a first station, such as the station X with other stations which may or may not be in-range, but are determined to have common contacts in their contact lists. Thus, even though the device Z is out-of-range from the device X, the device X may establish a communication link through their common contact Y, to out-of-range device Z and ultimately to out-of-range device A.